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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ROYAL VISIT TO ZAIRE

REF: (A) STATE 24972; (B) BRUSSELS 909

1. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE THAT THE KING AND QUEEN ARE PREPARED TO STOP BRIEFLY AT LUBUMBASHI AND MEET MOBUTU THERE. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR HERE HAS AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE KING TO TRY TO PERSUADE HIM TO GO TO KINSHASA.

2. THE BELGIAN FOREIGN OFFICE TELLS US THAT A VISIT TO KINSHASA WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE BECAUSE OF THE PROBABLY ADVERSE REACTION OF THE BELGIAN PUBLIC. THE BELGIANS ARE TROUBLED BY MOBUTU'S NEW RADICALIZATION MEASURES AND ARE OFFENDED BY HIS STATEMENT ON THE CHURCH. THE FOREIGN OFFICE THINKS THAT THE BELGIAN PUBLIC WOULD UNDERSTAND THE KING'S STOPPING BRIEFLY AT LUBUMBASHI BUT WOULD NOT APPROVE OF A VISIT TO KINSHASA. RENNER

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